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Applicant: V. P. Fox et al. **Art Unit:** 3629
Serial No.: 09/409,831 **Confirm. No:** 5935
Filing Date: 09/30/1999 **Examiner:** Borissov, Igor N.
Title: INVOICE PROCESSING SYSTEM **Docket No.:** END919990063US1

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

A Final Office Action for the above-identified application was mailed on November 21, 2002. On February 19, 2003, Applicants submitted an After Final Response via Facsimile. This response was lost by the Office, and Applicants resubmitted the After Final Response via Facsimile on June 11, 2003. The resubmitted response was also lost by the Office, and Applicants again resubmitted the After Final Response via Facsimile on July 11, 2003. As a result, the extension of time required to respond to the Final Office Action is calculated from **July 11, 2003.**

This paper is being filed along with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and a request for a one-month extension of time. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 12 of this paper.

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